5K KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

SATX 5K PRESENTED BY HOLIDAYS ON HOUSTON

You're officially race ready! Here's everything you need to know:

> Event Date: Friday, December 4, 2026
> Race Start Time: 8:00 PM

SAN ANTONIO MARATHON HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Hall 4 A&B 900 E. Market Street

- Friday, December 4: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Pick up your bib number, official race t-shirt, Holidays on Houston light up bracelet and beer garden wristband. Explore the Fleet Feet Official Merchandise Store and discover the latest in performance apparel, running tech, nutrition, and interactive exhibits from our Expo partners. **All 5K bibs must be picked up by 7:00 PM.**

- Adult participants must pick up their own packet. Packets/bibs will not be mailed.
- A photo ID matching the registration name is required.
- A parent or legal guardian may pick up for participants under 18 (birth certificate required).

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

Visit the Fleet Feet Official Merchandise Store at the Expo!

Stop by to shop exclusive **2026 San Antonio Marathon** merchandise and commemorate your race weekend with official event gear. From performance apparel and jackets to hats, accessories, and collectible souvenirs, you'll find the perfect way to celebrate your accomplishment and show off your San Antonio Marathon pride. Be sure to shop early for the best selection of event-exclusive items available only during race weekend!

SATX 5K RACE DAY – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Start Line: E. Nueva Street and Hemisfair Blvd.
Finish Line: The Torch of Friendship (E. Commerce & S. Alamo Street)
Finish Line Fiesta: Hemisfair

Evening Schedule:

- 7:00 PM – Start Village & DJ opens
- 8:00 PM – Race begins (wave start by corral)
- 8:00 PM – Finish Line Fiesta & DJ
- 10:00 PM – Finish Line Fiesta & DJ closes

Wave Start Details:

- Participants will be assigned to corrals based on their estimated finish time.
- Your assigned corral will be listed on your bib.
- Corrals will open at approximately 7:15 PM.
- Corrals will be released in waves beginning at 8:00 PM with 1–2 minute intervals.
- The faster your time, the closer your corral will be to the start line.
- To move to a faster corral, pick up your bib number and proceed to the Corral Change table in the Check-In area at the Health & Fitness Expo.

HOLIDAYS ON HOUSTON STREET

Throughout December, residents and visitors can stroll beneath holiday lights, shop local and enjoy seasonal entertainment with family and friends. Holidays on Houston Street returns to downtown San Antonio with a communal dinner beneath the illuminated tree canopy, festive markets, live music and new culinary events.

- **A Taste of Holidays on Houston Street**, Thursday, December 3, 6:30 PM; purchase tickets
- **Holidays on Houston Street Market at La Villita**, December 4-6 and 18-20; more information
- **Downtown West Chili Classic**, Saturday, December 5, noon – 6 PM; purchase tickets

RACE TIMING

- Your timing tag is affixed to the back of your bib.
- Your timing tag automatically captures your start, split, and finish times.
- Your bib must be worn visibly on the front torso throughout the race.

COURSE TIME LIMIT

One hour (timing tag time).

GEAR CHECK

Gear check is not offered for the 5K.

SAN ANTONIO MARATHON MOBILE APP

Download the San Antonio Marathon App, available now on both the Apple & Android app stores.

- Interactive course maps
- Runner Tracking
- Event updates and information
- Race results

ON-COURSE SUPPORT

- There is one (1) water station between Mile 1 and Mile 2.
- There are Medical tents at the Start and Finish (look for medical team in red shirts).
- Complete the medical history section on the back of your bib.

RESTROOM ACCESS

Restrooms are available at Hemisfair, located behind the Beer Garden adjacent to the Convention Center and at the corner of E. Nueva Street & S. Alamo.

H-E-B SECURE ZONE

Once you cross the finish line, you'll enter the H-E-B Secure Zone — a fenced-off area for participants only.

Inside the Secure Zone:

- Refuel with water and refreshments provided by H-E-B
- Receive your official finisher medal
- Have your photo taken

Important: Once you exit the Secure Zone, you will not be allowed to re-enter.

Just outside the Secure Zone, join family and friends and keep the celebration going at the Finish Line Fiesta!

H-E-B is more than a grocery store—it's a people-first company rooted in community, service and inclusion. Since 1905, H-E-B has stood by the belief that "Each and Every Person Counts," striving to improve lives through quality products, local partnerships and meaningful impact. Here, everything's better.

FINISH LINE FIESTA

Bring the family and celebrate your run in true San Antonio style with Disco Alfresco from Sound Cream setting the vibe, delicious bites from local food trucks, refreshing Corona Premier, festive music, holiday-themed activities, and so much more. Kick off the season, soak up the energy, and make your 5K finish one to remember!

BEER GARDEN WRISTBAND

Pick up your wristband at the Expo ID Check booth.

- You must present valid photo ID (21+).
- Wristbands allow expedited service at the Corona Premier Beer Garden at the Finish Line Fiesta.
- No wristband? You'll need to show a valid photo ID (21+) on race day.
- Your one (1) free Corona Premier beer ticket is attached to your bib.

SATX TWO-STEP MEDAL



Complete both the 5K on Friday, December 4 and the Marathon OR Half Marathon on Sunday, December 6 to earn your SATX Two-Step Medal.

- Pick up your medal at the SATX Two-Step booth at the Finish Line Fiesta in Hemisfair after you finish on Sunday, December 6.
- Ensure the “Two-Step” icon is printed on your Marathon or Half Marathon bib (confirm your eligibility at bib pickup, if needed).

AWARDS

Awards are offered for the 5K with divisions for age groups, non-binary participants, and wheelchair competitors. Awards are based on chip time, and eligibility varies by division. The Military & First Responder Division, presented by GOVX, awards the top three male and female finishers.

For a full breakdown of award categories, age group divisions, and eligibility, please review the awards criteria.

YOUR OFFICIAL RACE PHOTOS

FinisherPix is proud to be the official photographer of the 2026 San Antonio Marathon! Your personal race photos can be viewed and purchased here:

- SATX 5K presented by Holidays on Houston: **View Photos**

If you pre-ordered your photos, keep an eye on your inbox — you’ll receive a download link as soon as your images are online.

Tip: Upload a selfie at the bottom of your gallery to help FinisherPix find more photos of you and add them to your collection!

- Need assistance? **Contact FinisherPix Support**

FOUNDERS FAMILIA

Were you part of our inaugural race in 2025 and returning in 2026? You're an important part of the story we're creating. Stop by the San Antonio Marathon booth at the Health & Fitness Expo to pick up your limited-edition Founders Familia sticker and celebrate the legacy we're building together.

RACE RESULTS

See your results instantly on the San Antonio Marathon Mobile App! Official results will be posted within 24 hours on our website.

LOST & FOUND

Visit the Information Booth at the Start or Finish for lost items. Unclaimed valuables will be held for 30 days before donation. For post-event inquiries, email: **marathon@sanantoniosports.org**

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Race day brings several planned road closures throughout the city. For the most up-to-date maps and details to help you plan your trip downtown, head to our Street Closures page. Use Waze to navigate race weekend and avoid road closures.

FREE parking will be available beginning at 6:00 PM on Friday, December 4 at the Alamodome in Lots A, B and C. Follow this recommended walking path for the quickest route to the starting line.

For additional parking options within the downtown area utilize these maps:

San Antonio River Walk Parking Map | Downtown San Antonio Parking Search

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